Sl. No.	Name of State / UT	Grants released to States Up-to December 2000	Up-to December 2001
18.	Mizoram	14.00	114.25
19.	Nagaland	30.37	110.92
20.	Orissa		246.07
21.	Punjab	91.00	3264.62
22.	Rajasthan		0
23.	Sikkim	14.00	114.05
24.	Tamil Nadu		344.78
25.	Tripura	16.50	62.70
26.	Uttaranchal		134.50
27.	Uttar Pradesh		7259.91
28.	West Bengal	132.00	1432.00
29.	A & N Islands		12.68
30.	Chandigarh		0.00
31.	D & N Haveli		8.00
32.	Daman & Diu		00
33.	Delhi		0.00
34.	Lakshadweep		0.00
35.	Pondicherry		32.09
	TOTAL	628.09	20733.91

Declining standards of teaching in KVs

*187. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether lowering of academic / educational standards has been registered in the recent past, in respect of teaching of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps taken/contemplated, to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The standard of Education in KVs has improved in last three years which is reflected from the performance of the students in the CBSE examination in Xth and XIIth Grades. This is due to the stress on accountability, improved academic supervision and deployment of teachers as per requirements.

Catering in Rajdhani and Shatabadi Express Trains

†*188. SHRI RAMA SHANKAR KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers are being cheated even in Rajdhani and Shatabadi Express trains, in respect of catering; and

(b) if so, the agency involved in such acts of cheating and the action taken by Government against the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Safety Measures in Railways

*189. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways has accorded top priority to passengers' safety;

(b) if so, whether Rs.2000 crore have been spent during the current fiscal year for the purpose;

(c) whether a panel had recommended that Rs. 15,000 crore should be spent on safety measures in a period of seven years, but Government have decided to spend Rs. 17,000 crore in five years; and

(d) if so, details of the amount that has been utilized so far, passengers safety?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.